

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 13-32. Favorable action is requested for new claims 33-43.

Initially, the undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Pilkington for his time, attention, and consideration during the interview that was conducted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 16, 2010, in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 13-19 and 24-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE2431935 (*Jelenak*). Claims 13-17, 19, 20, 24-27, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, unpatentable over DE 10039768 (*Groche*). Claims 18, 21, 28, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Groche* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,242,221 to *Rothowe*. Claims 22, 23, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Groche* in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,757,051 to *Wilmer*.

During the interview, the Examiner observed that the prior art of record does not disclose a combination of features as recited in the claims including structures having two or more rolling or sliding bodies are disposed between respective first and second profiled guiding elements. The Examiner indicated that claim 13 would appear to distinguish the applied art if amended to recite language recited in claim 33 that was proposed during the interview.

Claim 13 has been amended to recite the subject matter that is understood to distinguish the applied art. Claim 13 has also been amended (relative to the claims discussed at the interview) to recite, *inter alia*, that “each first guiding surface [is] formed by partial areas of the

two edge flanges of the first and second profiled guiding elements”,¹ instead of, as proposed during the interview, that “each first guiding surface being formed by a surface area lying between two edge flanges of the first and second profiled guiding elements”. It is submitted that the broader, attached claims distinguish the art of record for the same reasons as the previously proposed claim 33. New dependent claim 40 recites that “each first guiding surface is formed by a surface area lying between two edge flanges of the first and second profiled guiding elements.”

The applicant wishes to emphasize that the recitation of “two of the at least two rolling or sliding bodies” is not intended to limit the claims to “only” two but, rather, “at least” two of the at least two rolling or sliding bodies.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 13-40 are in condition for allowance. Allowance is cordially urged.

New independent claim 41 is also added and parallels the language of claim 13 except that claim 41 only requires that “at least first and second ones of the at least three profiled guiding elements comprising a piece of sheet metal having two projecting edge flanges on a longitudinal edge thereof, the two projecting edge flanges being formed by a profiling gaps method performed in the longitudinal edge”, i.e., a profiling gaps method is not necessarily performed on the third profiled guiding element. Claims 41-43 are directed to more clearly covering embodiments such as are shown in FIGS. 12 and 13.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims, claims 13-43, are in condition for allowance. Allowance is cordially urged.

¹ Support for this language is found in the original disclosure in, e.g., the discussion of FIGS. 12 and 13 at Pages 9-10 of the translation.

To the extent that any extensions of time are necessary in connection with this application it is requested that there be a standing petition for extension of time and that any additional fees that are required, or refunds due, in connection with this or any other paper filed in connection with this application be charged to Deposit Account 503015.

If the Examiner should be of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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